THE MINISTER OFYOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the Amateur Athetotic Federation of India, based on an official communication received from the Medical Director of International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Olympic Council of Asia has cleared Sushree Sunita Rani of all charges, has reinstated her and returned to her the Gold Medal won by her in the 1500 mts. and the Bronze Medal won by her in the 5000 mts. in the 14th Asian Games, Busan.

(b) Athletes, cleared to participate in any International tournament, are required to be dope-tested at the Dope Control Laboratory of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and those tested negative are allowed to proceed for such participation. Recently, the SAI laboratory has been conferred ISO-9001 Certification. During major International sports events, dope tests are conducted by the IOC-accredited laboratories, which are responsible for the correctness of their procedures and accuracy of their findings.

Legislation for utilising youth power

471. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring in legislation for utilizing youth power in projects and in different areas, as in some advanced countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the desirability of such a measure?

THE MINISTER OFYOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.